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CONNECTION

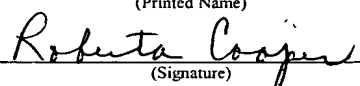
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A previous Reply to the Final Office Action was submitted by Applicants on December 4, 2006, in which no claims were amended, but in which remarks were presented as to the patentability of the currently pending claims. No response has been received regarding the previously submitted Reply. Applicants are submitting the present Amendment and Reply along with the attached Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: